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For : A SWITCHING MECHANISM OF A LENS BARREL FOR SWITCHING
BETWEEN AUTOMATIC AND MANUAL FOCUSING MODES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent Publication No. JP5-34568, dated February 12, 1993, together with
patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,239,417, issued August 24, 1993.

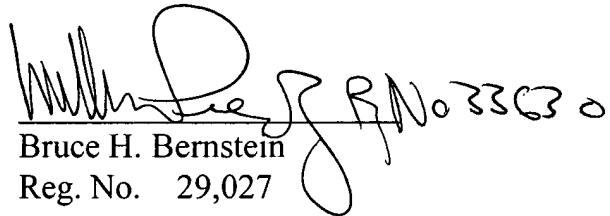
Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement
under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However,
if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and
cite the patent documents. A copy of the above-noted document is attached (except for U.S.
patent) and has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly,

the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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